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OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION

IN

SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, HELD IN SUMTERVILLE, DECEMBER 12, AND CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 15, 1840.

Saturday, Dec. 12th.

The Brethren appointed to preach the introductory sermon having failed to attend, this service was performed by Dr. W. B. Johnson, from James i. 17.

The credentials of delegates being presented, the following names were enrolled, viz:

Charleston Association.—C. M. Breaker, N. Graham, J. L. Reynolds,† W. T. Brantly,† T. Adams, W. Holmes, H. W. Mahony, W. Sanders,† D. Sheppard,† J. Du Pre, T. Mason, J. Scott, W. G. Barrett,† W. E. Hughson,† J. S. Antley.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, Z. Watkins,† G. Bell,† M. M. Abney,† J. M. Chiles,† W. Watkins,† J. Hewet,† R. T. Mims,† D. D. Brunson.†

Savannah River Association.—H. D. Duncan,† A. J. Lawton, R. Fuller,† Isaac Nicholes,† J. A. Lawton, W. I. Harley, H. A. Duncan, W. A. Lawton,† I. L. Brooks,† J. T. Sweat, A. M'Arthur, G. Kempton, W. D. Gillison.†

Welsh Neck Association.—J. C. Furman,† J. O. B. Dargan, J. Culpepper, Jr., Richard Furman, E. J. Lide, R. Edwards, W. Kelley, G. Rollings,† P. Edwards,† C. Stubbs,† J. M. Timmons, S. B. Wilkins.†

†*Absent.*

Edisto Association.—L. Hickson, H. A. Williams,† W. Brooker, W. Fort,† Joshua Tyler,† E. Tyler,† A. H. Fort,† W. J. Fickling,† Lewis Siegler.†

Charleston Juvenile Missionary Female and Education Society.—W. E. Bailey.

Mount Moriah Female Miss'y and Benevolent Soc'y.—W. P. Hill.

Newberry Baptist Church———————————.

Bush River Baptist Church.———————————.

Anderson District Missionary Society.—A. Acker,† W. C. Smith,† W. Magee,† S. Vandivier,† A. Rice.†

Peniel Missionary Society.—A. Rice.

Shiloh Baptist Church.———————————.

New Hope Baptist Church.———————————.

Monticello Female Benevolent Society.———————————.

Fairfield Baptist Church.—N. W. Hodges, W. E. Bailey.

Tiger River Association.—J. G. Landrum,† A. M. Spaulding,† J. M. Roberts,† —— Dean.†

Silverton Female Missionary Society.———————————.

1. The following officers were elected:—W. B. Johnson, President, J. Davis, Vice President, J. Du Pre, Secretary.

2. Visiting ministers present were invited to seats, viz:—Rev. Messrs. H. A. Wilcox, E. Kingsford, J. Chaplin, Jr., E. Lathrop.

3. A corresponding letter was received from the Saluda Association. A. Rice, the only messenger present from that body, was cordially received.

4. N. Graham was appointed to write to the Saluda Association, and W. P. Hill, N. W. Hodges and J. M. Chiles, messengers. H. A. Duncan, to write to the Georgia Convention, A. Rice, J. M. Chiles and W. Magee, messengers. J. A. Lawton, to write to the North Carolina Convention, and J. O. B. Dargan, J. Culpepper, Jr., and R. Furman, messengers.

5. A letter was read from Br. James Blythe, tendering his thanks to the Convention for assistance rendered to him.

6. The President introduced to the Convention, the Rev. H. A. Wilcox, Missionary Agent of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Also, the Rev. E. Kingsford, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

7. The following Committees were appointed, viz:—*On arrangement for preaching*—the Pastor and Deacon, with W. Holmes and T. Adams; *on accounts*, J. Scott, E. J. Lide, A. Rice, J. Culpepper, Jr.; *on place of meeting, and persons to preach*, C. M. Breaker, W. P. Hill, H. A. Duncan, J. O. B. Dargan, W. E. Bailey; *on communications from corresponding bodies*, N. W. Hodges, T. Adams, J. A. Lawton, R. Furman, N. Graham; *to nominate a Board of Agents*, T. Mason, A. M'Arthur, W. I. Harley, J. S. Antley, H. W. Mahony.

8. The Treasurer reported. His report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

After prayer by Br. Kingsford, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday morning.

†*Absent.*

Lord's Day.

The exercises of the day were introduced with the ordination of a deacon of the church in this place. This service was attended to by brethren Johnson and Hodges. After this, the Annual Charity Sermon was delivered by A. Rice, from Isaiah ix. 7—"Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end."

In the afternoon, the Lord's Supper was administered by brethren Wilcox and Hill. The services of the day were concluded with a sermon by Br. Kingsford, from Romans i. 16.

Monday, Dec. 14.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by N. W. Hodges.

9. The Committee appointed to report the names of individuals to constitute the Board of Agents, reported. The nomination was concurred in, and the names will appear in their proper place.

10. The Board of Trustees presented their report. Accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

11. The collection taken up on Lord's Day, was ordered to be equally divided between the Foreign Mission and the Fund for General Purposes—except such sums as may be specifically designated.

12. The report of Br. Mims, Agent for the house and lot in the village of Edgefield, was presented by the President. Br. Mims, having discharged the duties of his agency, was released, with the thanks of the Convention for his faithful services.

13. An address from "certain citizens of Fairfield, and others," was read. After which, it was, on motion, referred to a select committee; viz:—C. M. Breaker, W. B. Johnson, H. A. Duncan, J. O. B. Dargan, W. Brooker, W. P. Hill, W. E. Bailey, A. Rice, N. W. Hodges, A. J. Lawton, T. Adams and J. Du Pre.

14. The Treasurer, in relation to the 9th article of the extra session in July last, reported progress. In the collection of certain dues to the Convention, he was directed to use his discretion.

15. After a candid and animated discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, brethren Kingsford and Wilcox have been introduced to this body, and have presented their credentials; the first, as Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society; the last, as Missionary Agent of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; they were invited to seats in council, and requested to make any communications that they had in charge. Whereupon, each, in his turn, made encouraging statements of the affairs of the Society which he represented. This done, each alluded to the exciting subject produced by the conduct of the American Baptist Anti-Slavery Convention, held in New York, in April last; and the Anti-Slavery meeting held directly after the adjournment of the Boston Association, in the present year. The statements and remarks made by these brethren, in reference to the numbers and influence of Abolitionists of our denomination, in the Northern States, shew that they are small and feeble. That the great body of our brethren at the North, brethren of standing and influence, have no sympathies with the

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Abolitionists, and that they have no desire to interfere, in the smallest degree, with the institutions of the South; and that they will be ready to give an expression of their disapprobation of the proceedings of their Abolition brethren at the North, at the next meeting of the Triennial Missionary Convention in Baltimore. *Therefore, Resolved,*

1. That this body is much gratified with the statements and remarks of these brethren on this exciting subject.

2. That they have full confidence in the integrity, christian temper and true-heartedness of these brethren.

3. That, unalterably attached to the Bible cause, and Missionary interests, they recommend these brethren to the churches in particular, and to the benevolent in general, as worthy of entire confidence, earnestly desiring that they may be well received, and liberally aided in their collections for their respective objects.

And, whereas Rev. A. Rice, of this body, has also received an appointment from the American and Foreign Bible Society, as Agent for the South, therefore, *Resolved,*

1. That we are much gratified at this appointment, and at his acceptance of it.

2. That we most cordially recommend him to the churches, and to the benevolent, trusting that they will liberally aid him by their countenance and contributions.

3. That copies of these Resolutions be given to each of these brethren, signed by the President of this body.

16. The following Preamble and Resolutions were also adopted.

Whereas, a general disquietude among our churches in the South and Southwest of these United States, has been produced by the proceedings of some Abolitionists of our denomination at the North, with whom we have long been associated in the Foreign Missionary enterprise; a disquietude, that threatens a division of the Baptist Triennial Convention, by a separation of the Southern from the Northern churches; and, whereas, from the magnitude of the Missionary enterprise, and the importance of united action for its advancement, such division is to be deprecated, and if possible, prevented.

And, whereas the manner of adjusting the existing difficulty, so as to remove the disquietude, and prevent the division, is one of delicacy and importance, requiring deliberation and mutual counsel: therefore, *Resolved,*

1. That it be recommended to the Delegates from the Slaveholding States, who shall attend the Baptist Triennial Missionary Convention, in April next, to assemble in the city of Baltimore, in the meeting house in which the Triennial Convention is to assemble, at 10 o'clock on the Monday before the last Wednesday in April next, that they may deliberate and determine upon the manner in which they shall act on this subject, when they shall meet the Triennial Convention.

2. That they be requested, after the rising of the Triennial Con-

vention, to give information to their constituents of the result of their doings.

17. The Committee on Accounts reported. The report was read and accepted.

18. An opportunity was now given to Br. Wilcox to present more fully the objects and claims of his agency to the Convention. After an interesting statement relative to the moral condition and wants of Texas, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Convention take this opportunity of recommending to the special regards of the Baptist Churches in this State, this mission. It is believed that Texas, possessing as it does a fertile soil, a delightful and salubrious climate, and having by a wonderful interposition of Providence, escaped the deadly grasp of a fell tyrant, is destined to occupy no unimportant station among the nations of the earth. As the inhabitants of this country are emigrants mostly from the United States, they have claims upon us as our brethren as well as our neighbors. There are, at this time, the most encouraging circumstances for introducing the Gospel among them. They themselves desire and invite it. Missionaries of the Baptist denomination would be especially acceptable and successful, as most of the inhabitants are inclined to Baptist sentiments. Besides all this, the vicinity of Texas would enable that country to exert an influence upon the Spanish provinces of North America, in introducing the pure Gospel amongst those who are now blinded by superstition and held in bondage by the Romish priesthood. Under all these circumstances, we trust that the South, especially our own State, will awake to the importance of the mission of Texas, and that our Churches will not only aid liberally by contributing to it through Br. Wilcox, if called upon by him, but also, by sending up an annual contribution to this Convention, which will take charge of all funds for that purpose, and act in concert with the Home Mission Society, in sustaining missionaries in Texas.

19. The President brought to the notice of the Convention, a communication from the Rev. T. Meredith, of Raleigh, N. C., respecting an editorial department for South Carolina, in the Biblical Recorder and Southern Watchman. Referred to the committee on communications from Corresponding Bodies.

20. The following Amendments of the Constitution were adopted :—

Art. II. The grand objects of this Convention shall be, the promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men, designed for the gospel ministry—to bring the Baptist churches of this State into closer union—to harmonize their views and feelings in things spiritual, by conferring together on all matters of interest, respecting the kingdom of God—and in general, to direct and concentrate their efforts, in such measures as may, in their opinion, tend to promote the glory of God, and the spread of evangelical knowledge in the earth. The Convention, though not unwilling to give advice in cases of difficulty, yet, will claim to itself no power to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the churches themselves.

Art. VII. Although contributions in money, shall not be considered requisite to entitle to a representation in the Convention, yet, this body will receive such contributions from any of its constituent bodies, that may wish to aid in the support of missionary service among the destitute, either at home or abroad; or of the education of pious young men, who may be approved by the churches to which they belong, as called of God to preach the gospel; or any other scheme of benevolence tending to the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, or of vital, practical religion. "And the right of conducting the business of the fund, will be considered as vested exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute." In electing the Board of Agents, none but the representatives of those who contribute regularly to the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to vote. Also, in electing the Board of Trustees, and in all matters relating to the Theological Seminary, none but the representatives of regular contributors to that object, shall be entitled to a vote. And that satisfaction may be given to the contributors, that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the Board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specially appropriated, shall be sacredly applied to the object designated. But where any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention, or its board of agents.

The Constitution, as amended, was ordered to be published with the Minutes.

21. The Committee on the place of Meeting, and persons to preach, reported, that the next meeting of this body be held at the Welsh Neck Church, Society Hill, Darlington, on Saturday before the 2d Lord's Day in December, 1841. Isaac C. Nicholes to preach the introductory sermon, and J. Du Pre his alternate. J. L. Reynolds to preach the charity sermon, and N. W. Hodges his alternate. Report concurred in.

After prayer by J. Du Pre, the Convention adjourned to meet on to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

The Convention met. Prayer by W. E. Bailey.

22. Letters to the Saluda Association, and Georgia Convention, were read and approved of.

23. The following delegates, with their alternates, were appointed to the "Triennial Missionary Convention;" to the "American and Foreign Bible Society;" to the "American Baptist Home Mission Society;" and to the "American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society;" all of which to meet in the City of Baltimore, in April next.

S. Furman,	C. M. Breaker, *Alternate.*
J. B. O'Neall,	J. A. Lawton, "
W. E. Bailey,	R. Furman, "
A. Rice,	J. S. Antley, "

24. To insure a full representation at the anniversary of these societies, it was

Resolved, That the President of this body be authorized to fill any vacancies in the above appointments which may occur.

25. The select Committee to whom was referred the Address from "certain citizens of Fairfield, and others," reported as follows:—

We recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

1. That this Convention, after due deliberation, have come to the conclusion, that it is impracticable to act in accordance with the wishes of the citizens of Fairfield, and others, in the continuance of the Classical Branch of the Furman Institution.

2. That the land belonging to the Convention, in Fairfield District, be divided so as to set off fairly one-half of the land, in value, with the Theological buildings on one portion, and the other half with the buildings of the Classical Department, in the other portion, provided the line of demarcation be not run on the north west side of the Winnsborough road. That the portion appropriated to the Classical Department, be set up at public sale, and sold to the highest bidder; the terms of the sale to be six thousand dollars in cash, if it shall sell for so much, the balance payable in equal instalments, in one and two years, with interest on the whole from the day of sale, titles to be withheld until payment is made; that after public notice being given, the sale take place on the first Wednesday in February next. That with the proceeds, the debts of the Classical Department be paid, amounting to about $9,000. That the surplus, if any remain, after paying the debts named, be paid over to the contributors, who subscribed towards maintaining a Classical School, rateably to each, in proportion to the amount of his subscription. That brethren W. Smith, W. E. Bailey and N. W. Hodges, be a Committee to carry the foregoing Resolutions into effect.

3. That the President be requested to address a letter to the memorialists, enclosing these Resolutions.

The report was unanimously concurred in.

26. Ordered the publication of 1500 copies of the Minutes, and referred the direction of the printing to the Secretary.

27. The Committee on Communications from Corresponding Bodies, reported as follows:—

"Whereas, Br. Meredith, the Editor of the Biblical Recorder, has intimated the desirableness of a South Carolina Editorial, *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Faculty of the Furman Theological Institution, brethren Reynolds and Chaplin, to act in this capacity, as far as attention to other duties will allow."

Report approved of.

28. The accounts presented by the Rev. S. Furman, were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

29. The President was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for $50, for books which the senior Professor was instructed to purchase.

30. *Resolved,* That after the printing of the Minutes shall have been defrayed, the balance of the fund for General Purposes remaining, be appropriated to the purchase of Books for the Library, and for Literary and Religious periodicals, for the use of the Institution.*

31. *Resolved,* That we recommend to Baptist Churches in South Carolina, the formation of Societies auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

32. *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized, to obtain a loan of money to meet the present exigencies.

33. *Resolved,* That the Board of Trustees be invested with authority, to take any further measures respecting the land in Fairfield, ordered to be sold, which, in their judgment, may be necessary.

34. *Resolved, unanimously,* That the cordial thanks of this body be tendered to the inhabitants of this place for their kind and christian hospitalities.

After prayer by N. W. Hodges, the Convention adjourned.

W. B. JOHNSON, *President.*

James Du Pre, *Secretary.*

THE CONSTITUTION

Of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, as amended at their meeting in December, 1840, *at Sumterville.*

We, the Representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention, and the basis of the union.

Article I. This body shall be styled The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.

Art. II. The grand objects of this Convention shall be, the promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men designed for the gospel ministry—to bring the Baptist churches of this State into closer union—to harmonize their views and feelings in things spiritual, by conferring together on all matters of interest, respecting the kingdom of God—and in general, to direct and concentrate their efforts, in such measures, as may, in their opinion, tend to promote the glory of God, and the spread of evangelical knowledge in the earth. The Convention, though not unwilling to give advice in cases of difficulty, yet will claim to itself no power to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the churches themselves.

* The sum of $34.50, was further contributed, by individual members of the Convention, and others, for the same objects.

Art. III. The convention shall consist of delegates from the several Baptist Associations in this State, who may approve of the measures here adopted; and of representatives from other religious bodies of the Baptist connexion concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the convention: The number of delegates and representatives bearing always a just proportion to the number of their constituents. The attending delegates shall be a quorum to do business. The appointment of these delegates shall be made annually or biennially, as the convention shall determine to hold its meeting; and a certificate of their appointment shall be exhibited to the convention. The members of the board of agents shall be ex-officio members of the new convention.

Art. IV. The convention shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also have a Board of Agents, for the transaction of business during its recess, consisting of eight members, the Treasurer ex-officio, being one of them, any three of whom, duly convened, shall be a quorum. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar institutions, shall devolve on those of this body, according to their rank and character, in the convention and the board.

The board, as agents, shall be adequate to the performance of all necessary business which may occur during the recess of the convention. Both officers and agents, shall hold their stations, (unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct,) till a new election. The board shall have the power to fill vacancies in their own body.

Art. V. The support of a seminary of learing in this State, under the care of this convention, shall be considered as a primary object. The design of this seminary, is to assist those, who, in the judgment of their churches, are called of God to preach the gospel, that they may study to shew themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Those of this character, who need pecuniary aid, may receive it at the discretion of the convention, from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this seminary shall be committed to a board of trustees, to be elected by the convention, at the end of every fourth year. But if from any cause the election shall not take place at the time appointed, the members of the board shall continue in office till a new election shall be made. The board of trustees shall be governed by a set of rules which shall form the constitution of the seminary, in conformity with which the seminary shall be managed in all its interests, pecuniary, literary, moral and religious. The board shall present a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the seminary, at each stated meeting of the convention, which shall be subject to their approval.

Art. VI. Ministers of the gospel in any of our churches, needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books, from the general fund for education purposes.

Art. VII. Although contributions in money, shall not be considered requisite to entitle to a representation in the convention, yet this body will receive such contributions from any of its constituent

bodies, that may wish to aid in the support of missionary service among the destitute, either at home or abroad ; or of the education of pious young men, who may be approved by the churches to which they belong, as called of God to preach the gospel ; or any other scheme of benevolence tending to the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, or of vital, practical religion. "And the right of conducting the business of the fund, will be considered as vested exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute." In electing the board of agents, none but the representatives of those who contribute regularly to the objects of the Convention shall be entitled to a vote. Also, in electing the board of trustees, and in all matters relating to the theological seminary, none but the representatives of regular contributors to that object, shall be entitled to a vote. And that satisfactiom may be given to the contributors, that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specially appropriated, shall be sacredly applied to the object designated. But where any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention, or its board of agents.

Art. VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the convention, and keep separate accounts of the amounts contributed for different objects ; and render regular accounts of them to the convention at its stated meetings ; and also to the board when called upon to do so. He shall be elected by this convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected, and give bond, and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of his trust, he shall give bond and security to this convention, in such sum of money as they may from time to time direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the convention or board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the board of agents ; and the person so elected by the board, shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the convention, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected, shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner as if elected by the convention.

Art. IX. The convention may use its discretion in having either an annual or biennial meeting. But in cases of important concern, and especially when the arrangement for a biennial meeting has been made, the President may, at the instance of the board, call an earlier meeting.

Art. X. Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these rules, by the concurring vote of two thirds of the members present, at an annual or biennial meeting.

REPORT OF ALEXANDER J. LAWTON,

Treasurer of Convention, on the Funds thereof.

PERMANENT FUND.

	Principal.	Interest.
To bonds and notes unpaid per last report,	$26,426 51	$3828 40
Less overcharge of interest on J. Allen's bond,		7 00
	26,426 51	3821 40
INCREASE.		
Add Lewis R. Sams' bond, with int. from 1st Jan., 1838,	500 00	105 00
To 1 year's int. on 25,513 14 not includ'g L. R. Sams, 1785 91		
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Annuities, 20 00		1832 45
	26,926 51	5758 85
J. B. Addison's note for bal. due on house in Edgefield,	260 00	35 50
	$27,186 51	5794 35
PER CONTRA.		
By cash of R. J. Davant, in part,	45 50	59 50
By cash of A. Sparks, 2d instalment,*	100 00	
By cash of C. Reeves, full,*	10 00	1 00
By cash of Elizabeth Stoney, 3 annual payments, to January, 1840,		30 00
By cash of M. T. Mendenhall, int. 1 year,		700 00
By cash of Jyra Allen, 3 year's interest, per N. Graham,		21 00
By cash of J. Dunn, 1 do. per do.		1 75
By cash of J. T. Bostick, 3 yrs. do. to 1839,*		4 25
By cash of D. Palmer, 3 do. to 1839,*		5 25
By cash of W. Timmons, 4 do. Jan. 1840,*		28 00
By cash of J. M. Timmons, 4 do. do. 1840,*		28 00
By cash of John Courtney, 3 do. 1839.*		21 00
By cash of Hiram Smith, 3 do. 1839,*		2 10
By cash of R. R. Gibson, 3 do. 1839,*		2 10
By cash of H. Lide,*		5 00
By cash of J. O. B. Dargan, 1 yr. to Jan. '41,*		3 50
By cash of S. Revel, to Jan. 1840,*		3 50
By cash of J. C. Furman, on acct. int.*		30 50
By cash of D. K. W. M'Iver,*		10 00
By cash of N. B. Addison, in full for his note,	260 00	35 50
By cash of Joseph Philips' bond, full,	25 00	1 75
By cash of Joseph A. Lawton, int. 1 yr. 1840,		70 00
By cash of Joseph J. Lawton, do. 1840,		17 50
By cash of Elizabeth Stoney, annuity, 1840,		10 00
By cash of E. J. Lide, interest,		21 00
By cash of I. D. Wilson, 3d instalment,	10 00	
By cash of T. P. Lide, interest,		10 00
By cash of John F. Wilson, do.		14 00

Those marked thus * make together $254 20-100, collected by J. C. Furman, and first placed to promiscuous funds.

	Principal.	Interest.
By cash of W. Sturges, do.		3 50
By cash of W. Timmons, do.		7 00
By cash of R. Gibson, do.		70
By cash of D. Palmer, do.		20 00
By cash of G. Goode, do. 2 yrs. '38, '39,		35 00
By cash of Jas. Du Pre, bal. of inst. for 1840,		5 25
By cash of Est. Jennings O'Bannon, do. '40,		14 00
By cash of D. Atkinson, per J. M. Miller, interest, 1839, and 1840,		14 00
By cash of W. B. Johnson, do. 1840.		28 00
By cash of Mrs. E. H. Simkins, do. 1840,		14 00
By cash of R. T. Mims, do. 1840,		10 75
By cash of G. L. Penn, do. 1840,		7 00
By cash of N. Graham, do. '38, '39, and '40,		4 20
By cash of Jacob Wheeler, do. '39, and '40,		3 50
By cash of R. G. Norton, do. '40,		7 00
	450 50	1310 10
Amount bonds due,	$26,736 01	4484 25

CASH.—PERMANENT FUND.

1839, Dec. 10. By cash on hand at last report,	$836 90
1840, Jan. By cash of R. J. Davant, part of bond,	45 50
By cash of A. Sparks, 2d instalment,	100 00
By cash of C. Reeves, full,	10 00
Dec. 15. By cash of N. B. Addison, in full for note,	260 00
By cash of Est. Joseph Philips, in full bond,	25 00
By cash of Isaac D. Wilson, 3d instalment on bond,	10 00
	1287 40

PER CONTRA.

To cash paid on Treasurer's note to Union Bank,	300 00
By balance on hand,	987 40

GENERAL PURPOSES.

1839, Dec. 11. By balance cash on hand,	70 28
By cash, bequest of br. Robertson, of Chester District, per O. Woodward,	75 00
1840, Dec. By cash sent up to Convention, at Sumterville,	122 00
	267 28

PER CONTRA.

To cash paid Wm. Riley, printing Minutes,	60 00
To do. do extra session, $25, and books, $37,38,	62 38
To do. expenses Treasurer, a bad $5 bill, postage, &c.	25 00
	147 38
By balance on hand,	119 90

BAPTIST BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1839, Dec. 10. By balance on hand at last report,		$317 95
By cash of T. Willingham, for Amer. and Foreign Bible Society,		30 00
By cash of Thos. H. Harris, do. do.		10 00
By cash of Bethel Association, per O. Woodward, Viz. for Foreign Churches,	$37 01	
Do. Burman Bible,	25 68	
Do. Foreign Missions,	80 00	142 69
By cash of Jewelry sold for Foreign Missions,		6 50
By cash of Savannah River Baptist Association, per George Rhodes, for Am. and For. Bible Society,		42 06
By cash of Union Bible Society of Beaufort District, per A. J. Lawton,		28 49
		$577 70

PER CONTRA.

To cash remitted Heman Lincoln, Treasurer of Board for Foreign Missions,	577 70
1840, Dec. 15. By cash sent up to this Convention, as follows:	
For Siam Mission,	25 00
For Rev. J. G. Oncken, Germany,	16 00
For African Mission,	3 56
For Foreign Missions,	246 19
For Burman Bible,	5 00
Of colored people of Calliham's Mill Baptist Church, for African Mission,	1 31
By colored people of Edisto Baptist Association, for Foreign Missions,	32 48
Balance on hand,	$329 54

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1840, Dec. 15. By cash at Convention,	15 50

PER CONTRA.

To cash paid H. A Wilcox, Agent,	15 50

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

1840, Dec. 15. By cash at Convention,	4 50
By cash of Mt. Moriah Female Missionary Society,	15 00
By cash of Edisto Baptist Association,	60 87
	80 37

CHARLESTON FEMALE JUVENILE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY. INCLUDED IN PERMANENT FUND.

No part of principal or interest to be used until a sufficient sum has accumulated to support a scholarship in Furman Theological Institution,	
1839, Dec. By amount fund per last report,	1980 17
By 1 year's interest, to Jan. 1841,	138 61
	2118 78

FURMAN INSTITUTION.

1840, Dec. 15. For a second Professor's House.		
By cash of Sumterville Baptist Church,		40 00
By cash of Mrs. D. Jones,		20 00
		60 00

THEOLOGICAL BUILDINGS.

1839, Dec. 11. To balance due Treasurer per last report,		$119 50

PER CONTRA.

1840, Mar. 10. By cash of Elizabeth Stoney, Watkins' sub. 4th instalment,	$10 00	
April. By cash of Margaret Buckner, do.	5 00	
By cash of J. Morris, do. '38 and '39,*	2 00	
By cash of L. Morris,*	5 00	
By cash of Susannah Morris,*	1 00	
By cash of Wm. J. Morris,*	3 00	
By cash of J. Norwood, '38 and '39,*	10 00	
By cash of Alexander J. Lawton, for '41, full,	10 00	
By cash of Joseph A. Lawton, for '41, full,	100 00	
By cash of Elizabeth Stoney, do. do.	10 00	
By cash of A. H. David, '39 and '40,	10 00	
By cash of J. O. B. Dargan, full,	10 00	
By cash of Thos. Willingham, for '41, full,	20 00	
By cash of Z. Rudolph, Hodges subs.	20 00	
By cash of Noah Graham, Watkins' subs.	80	
By cash of Mount Moriah Female Missionary Society,	15 00	
By cash of Edgefield Baptist Association,	54 00	
By cash of Mrs. Maria Calhoun, donation,	5 00	
By cash of Robert G. Norton, '41, full,	5 00	295 80
		176 30
Dec. 16. To cash paid Wm. Smith, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, per N. W. Hodges,		178 30
To balance due Treasurer,		2 00

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

1839, Dec. 10. To bal. due Treasurer per last report,	789 69
Feb. 29. To cash paid J. L. Reynolds, senior Professor, 1st quarter's salary,	375 00
Mar. 5. To cash paid J. Chaplin, Prof. 1st do.	250 00
April 4. To cash paid J. L. Reynolds, Prof. 2d do.	375 00
May 2. To cash paid J. Chaplin, Prof. 2d do.	250 00
Aug. 10. To cash paid J. L. Reynolds, Prof. 3d do.	375 00
July 22. To cash paid J. Chaplin, Prof. 3d do.	250 00
	2664 69

PER CONTRA.

1840, May. By dividends of Union Bank,	$195 00	
Less interest on Treasurer's note,	154 56	40 44
By dividend 1 year on Commercial Bank, Columbia,		178 75
By dividend 6 mos. Planters' and Mechanics' Bank,		94 00
By interest on 5 per cent stock,		32 23
May. By dividend on Bridge Company, to date,		67 50
Aug. By dividend Com. Bank, of Columbia to July, '40,		51 00
By dividend Union Bank, to July '40,		42 75
By dividend Planters' and Mechanics' Bank, to do.		94 00

*Collected by J. C. Furman, and placed among promiscuous funds.

Dec. 2. By Beaufort Female Working Society,		83 00
By Savannah River Baptist Association,		144 32
By interest on bonds, see permanent fund for interest,		1310 10
By interest, at Convention in Sumterville,		20 00
		2158 09
By balance due the Treasurer,		506 60
		2664 69
To balance due Treasurer, brought down,		506 60
By cash of Classical Department, interest,		25 00
Balance due Treasurer,		481 60

CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

1840, Dec. By cash of Benj. Jaudon, '40 and '41, full,	10 00
By cash of James Wilson, full, N. W. Hodges' sub.	15 00
	25 00

PER CONTRA.

To cash carried to credit of Theological Department, on account interest on loan,	25 00

PROMISCUOUS FUNDS.

For which the objects of contribution were not reported to Treasurer, at the time the money was received by him.	
1839. By cash of M. T. Mendenhall, paid professor W. Hooper,	35 52
By cash of N. Graham, paid do.	22 75
July. By cash of J. C. Furman, paid do.	176 70
Dec. By cash of J. C. Furman, paid do.	98 50
	333 47

PER CONTRA.

1840, Dec. To credit of Theological Department for interest, per N. Graham,	22 75	
To credit of permanent fund, J. C. Furman's collection,	110 00	
To credit of Theological Department, do.	144 20	
To credit of Theological Buildings, do.	25 00	297 95
		35 52

AGGREGATE OF CASH.

Permanent Fund, balance cash on hand,		987 40
General Purposes, do.		119 90
American Baptist Board for Foreign Missions,		329 54
American and Foreign Bible Society,		80 37
Furman Institution, for second Professor's House,		60 00
Promiscuous Funds,		35 52
		1612 74
Theological Department, due Treasurer,	481 60	
Theological Buildings, due do.	2 00	483 60
Balance on hand,		1129 14

ALEXANDER J. LAWTON, *Treasurer.*

Sumterville, S. C., 16th December, 1840.

MONEYS

SENT UP BY VARIOUS BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONVENTION.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	Siam'se Mission.	Onoken, in Ger.	For use of Br.	African Mission.	Classical Department.	Department.	Theological	Amer. and For. Bible Society.	Missions.	Foreign	Burman Mission.	Purposes.	General	Mission.	American Home	Burman Bible.	Total.
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Peniel Mis. Society,.	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....		.....		....	16	00	.....		....	16 00
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Mt. Moriah F. B. So.,	.....	16 00	....	....	....	.....	....		.....		....	.....		.....		...	16 00
Miss L. Brown,.....	25 00	.....	....	....	....	.....	....		.....		....	.....		.....		....	25 00
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We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found them correctly cast, and well vouched.

JOHN SCOTT, *Chairman.*

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FURMAN INSTITUTION, JULY 5th, 1840.

12. The Board met after the adjournment of the extra meeting of the Convention.

13. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Trustees be requested to adopt any measures which they may deem necessary to secure boarding for the Theological Students during the next year.

14. *Resolved*, That an annual examination of the Theological Department take place on the Wednesday after the 4th day of July; and that a vacation of two months annually take place after the examination, and one month commencing the 1st Monday in December.

15. *Resolved*, That the Principal of the Classical School allow a vacation until the 1st Monday in August, after the examination of the School. Adjourned.

J. C. FURMAN, *Secretary pro tem.*

SUMTERVILLE, DEC. 11th, 1840.

1. The Board met, the following members being present, viz: Johnson, Hodges, Bailey, Rice, A. J. Lawton, J. A. Lawton, Dargan, Du Pre, R. Furman.

2. The President and Vice President being absent, Br. Johnson was requested to act as President *pro tem.* After prayer by Br. Johnson, proceeded to business.

3. The Treasurer's report was read.

4. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to divide the amount of $700, sent up last year for general purposes, between the two departments.

5. Appointed brethren Hodges, Rice and A. J. Lawton, a committee to examine all the papers and vouchers sent up by the Executive Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Friday Afternoon.

6. The Board met. Invited ministering brethren present, not belonging to their number, to a seat with them. Whereupon, Br. Kingsford, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and brethren Kempton and Breaker, accepted the invitation.

7. The committee appointed to examine the Students at the last meeting of the Board, reported favorably of their progress.

8. The report of the Senior Professor was read and accepted.

9. The communication of P. T. Hammond, was read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

Saturday Morning.

10. The Board met. Prayer by Br. Du Pre.

11. Appointed brethren Hodges and Bailey a committee to confer with the Treasurer, to examine his vouchers, and to render his report complete.

Adjourned to meet at the church, this evening, immediately after preaching.

Saturday Evening, 8 *o'clock.*

12. The Board met, one additional member being present, viz. J. Culpepper, Jr.

13. Elected Davis, President, Johnson, Vice President, Smith, Treasurer, R. Furman, Secretary.

14. *Resolved*, That this body report to the Convention, on Monday, by reading their Minutes.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

Tuesday Evening.

The Board met, and proceeded to business.

15. *Resolved*, That leave of absence be granted to the Senior Professor, for the purpose of attending the meeting of the Triennial Convention, in April next.

16. Appointed Br. J. Culpepper, Jr., General Agent for the ensuing year.

17. Appointed C. M. Breaker, a member of the Board, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joseph Paterson.

18. *Resolved*, That the brethren Davis, Hodges, Smith, Robertson, and Bailey, constitute the Executive Committee.

19. Elected J. Chaplin, Junior Professor in the Theological Institution.

20. *Resolved*, That the Professors be paid their salaries quarterly, and at the end of the quarter.

21. Appointed J. O. B. Dargan, to preach the introductory sermon

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at the Institution, on the Saturday before the first Sunday in July, C. M. Breaker his alternate.

Adjourned to meet at the Institution, on the Saturday before the first Sunday in July. RICHARD FURMAN, *Secretary.*

To the Board of Trustees of the Furman Institution, the Senior Professor respectfully reports:

The studies of the Students connected with this Department, have been as follows:

The Preparatory Classes, have recited during the year, in the primary English branches, in Natural Philosophy, Rhetoric, Ecclesiastical History, Latin and Greek. They have attended to English Composition, in connection with the study of Parker's Progressive Exercises, and to Elocution, with Porter's Analysis as a text book.

The Junior Theological Class, have recited in Hebrew, one lesson a day, throughout the year. Chrestomathy, critical study of Genesis, Joel, Jonah and Obadiah, with analysis of the prophetical books, and written exercises in Hebrew idioms. They have also studied Jahn's Archeology, and Ernesti on Interpretation. In addition to this, they have been engaged four times during the week in exercises of the New Testament, and have examined critically the Epistles to the Galations, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, and the Epistle to the Hebrews, with an analysis of each. They have also written occasional dissertations on the peculiarities of the Greek of the New Testament, and on the usage (*usus loquendi,*) of certain words. Exercises in Composition and Elocution, complete the circle of their studies during the past year.

Two of the brethren who had entered on a partial course, recited in Hedge's and Parker's Logic, Kames' Elements of Criticism, Butler's Analogy, and Porter's Lectures on Homiletics. Their other studies were the composition and criticism of Sermons, Elocution, and an entire course of Biblical Theology. One of them, however, felt himself compelled to leave the Institution, at the expiration of the first term, and lost a portion of the course of Biblical Theology. The other went on regularly with the Junior Class in Greek Exercises. Five weeks before the end of the term, the Senior Professor was taken sick, and some important studies were necessarily postponed to the next term.

During the year, the Students have met once a week for discussion, and on Friday evening, the Students and Officers met, (when circumstances did not forbid,) for the purpose of devotional or literary exercises. At this meeting the following lectures have been delivered:

1. Hints on study.
2. Continuation of the same.
3. Discouragements and supports of the christian minister.
4. Importance of cultivating habits of observation and reflection.
5. Study of church history.
6. Ministerial behaviour.

7. The qualities of a good style.
8. History of the English Language.
9. Natural Philosophy, three lectures.

During the last term, an extra recitation (in German,) has been heard, by Mr. Chaplin.

Mr. Bayfield Whilden, having completed his studies in the partial course, has been honorably dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. REYNOLDS.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1840.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Cr.

Dec. 1839,	Balance in Treasury,	$188 81
" "	Amount received from Treasurer Convention,	852 36
July, 1840,	Amount received from H. Ardis, per Z. Watkins,	10 00
		1051 17
		944 85
Dec. 1840,	Balance in Treasury,	106 32

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Dr.

Jan. 1840,	Paid T. P. Ligon on contract for buildings,	$783 85
	Paid Bruce for well-digging,	49 75
	Paid W. Riley for printing sermons,	86 25
	Paid Porter for making black-boards,	7 00
	Paid W. Smith for lumber for do.,	3 00
	Paid R. Ligon for fitting up library room in Professor's house,	15 00
		944 85

CLASSICAL SCHOOL. Cr.

Dec. 1839,	Balance in Treasury,	$68 29
" "	Received from Treasurer Convention,	400 00
" "	Received from J. Miller, per N. W. Hodges,	10 00
Jan. 1840,	From D. Atterberry, on Hodges' subscription,	5 00
" "	From J. Woodward, (Bailey's subscription,)	15 00
July "	From T. Hoy, $5; G. Sawyer, $1, (Z. Watkins,)	6 00
		504 29
		450 00
Dec. 1840,	Balance in Treasury,	54 29

CLASSICAL SCHOOL. Dr.

Dec. 1839,	Paid N. W. Hodges for amount advanced by him towards paying interest on $3500, loan to Classical School,	$39 00
	Paid Mendenhall & Co. on book account,	100 00
	Paid R. Ligon for work on Classical B.,	11 00
	Paid T. P. Ligon, contract on building,	300 00
		$450 00

WM. SMITH, *Treasurer B. T.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find it correct and well vouched,

N. W. HODGES, *Chairman Auditing Committee.*

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N. B. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Society Hill, on Friday, the day before the meeting of the Convention, at 12 o'clock.

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